

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2021-15**

Supporting Senate Bill 174 Relating to Capital Outlay; Providing that Capital Outlay Funding Requests for Non-Governmental Entity Projects Shall Not Be Accepted Unless the State, Local Government or Political Subdivision Has Accepted the Role of Acting as Fiscal Agent for the Entity's Project

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County, as well as all other Counties throughout the State of New Mexico fully recognize and acknowledge non-governmental entities are vital to meet various needs of residents and serve an important role in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County frequently receive appropriations from the New Mexico Legislature that are intended to support the needs of local non-governmental organizations. Said appropriations typically require Roosevelt County to act as the fiscal agent and to disperse and monitor expenditures under a Grant Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County, acting as fiscal agent for such appropriations and disbursement of such, is governed by the New Mexico Anti-Donation Clause set forth in Article IX, Section 10 of the New Mexico Constitution which prohibits donations to private corporations or other non-government organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the distributions of funds to various organizations often conflict with the prohibitions set forth in Article IX, Section 10 of the New Mexico Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make modifications to the current appropriation procedure that requires local organizations to work with Roosevelt County to determine whether Roosevelt County is able and willing to act as the fiscal agent for said organization prior to submission of a request for appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Roosevelt County supports the passage of Senate Bill 174 by the 2021 New Mexico Legislature and directs the County Manager to submit this resolution to Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and our area legislators expressing our support.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021 by the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners in an open meeting in Portales, New Mexico.

ATTEST:



BODY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

 $\square$  No □ Abstained

Lewis (Shane) Lee, Vice Chair - District III

Voted: □ Yes □ No □ Abstained

Dennis Lopez - District I

Voted: ⊿\*ÿes □ No □ Abstained

Rodney Savage - District II Voted: PYes - No -

Paul Grider-District V

Voted: □ Yes □ No □ Abstained

